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School defends animal testing
By K.j. Williams
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The use of ferrets to train pediatric residents at East Carolina University’s Brody School of Medicine has prompted an objection from an activist group concerned about the use of animals in medical schools.

ECU’s Dr. James Cummings, a professor of pediatrics and physiology, said the ferrets used to teach residents how to insert a breathing tube down the windpipe are treated humanely, and anesthesia is used so the animals are unconscious during the procedure called endotracheal intubation.

He said it’s a life-saving procedure performed on babies that can’t breathe on their own or whose heart rate is too slow. Premature babies sometimes need assistance breathing because of underdeveloped lungs.

Dr. John Pippin, a cardiologist and the director of academic affairs at the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, said it’s not necessary to use ferrets to train residents because of the availability of simulators, mannequin-like medical devices used for training in medical schools.
The organization of physicians and scientists has written letters to Brody’s dean, Dr. Paul Cunningham, asking medical school to halt its use of ferrets. But Cummings said an animal research committee that oversees Brody’s use of animals supported recommendations that ferrets are a superior method of training.

“The main limitation of a simulator is the anatomy,” he said. “You can put all the pieces in the right orientation, but you don’t have living, breathing tissue. When you open it up and look inside, it’s still just a bunch of plastic.”

Pippin disagrees that simulators for teaching premature baby procedures are less effective.

“They’re used all over the country,” he said. “Residents in other places are getting trained just fine.”

According to a survey conducted by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, of the 185 pediatrics residency programs in the country, there are 10 using animals for endotracheal intubator training. The only one in North Carolina is Brody.

Cummings said the ferrets aren’t harmed and their contribution can’t be duplicated. To correctly insert a breathing tube, residents have to learn to distinguish different types of tissue in a real-life atmosphere where fluids are present. There also are anatomical similarities with a ferret.

“You can’t yet mimic that kind of experience in simulation,” he said. “To my knowledge, there’s no data regarding this particular procedure that a simulator offers better or equal training experience.”

Pippin took issue with Cummings’ explanation that live tissue was better.

“Yes, it’s a difference, but if that difference has no relevance to residents in the intubation or resuscitation of babies, who cares?” he asked.

The nonprofit takes the general position that animals are traumatized by their use in procedures, sometimes incurring physical harm requiring them to be euthanized. Cummings said he’s never seen an animal euthanized because of its use in a training procedure, adding that they take care of the animals.
Brody also uses cadavers and simulated models to teach endotracheal intubation prior to the practice with ferrets.

Pippin points to another medical school where he said animals that remained healthy were adopted but others were euthanized.

“We think it’s unethical on the face of it because these are sentient creatures like us who can feel pain and suffering, and they can feel fear, and they struggle against it just like we would,” he said.

At Brody, Dr. Dorcas O’Rourke, chairwoman of comparative science and an attending veterinarian, said there are safeguards in place to protect animals.

“The animals receive sedation and anesthesia before the lab begins so they’re not awake to be afraid or traumatized,” she said.

Residents are required to complete animal protocol training. Besides the professor providing instruction, technicians are present to monitor the ferrets.

Strict criteria is followed that limits the number of times the ferrets — all neutered males — can be used, and the number of attempts a resident can make during a training lab. Ferrets receive veterinary care if any problems arise.

“I think allegations of cruel and inhumane treatment are not accurate,” O’Rourke said. “They don’t paint a picture of the care and attention these animals receive.”

Pippin said the nonprofit won’t be dissuaded.

“When you use these simulators, you resolve the animal issue and you have better teaching of your residents,” he said. “We plan on continuing our campaign, certainly.”

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Consumer's guide to downloadable gifts

By JESSICA MINTZ, The Associated Press

Remember when gifts were objects, purchased or crafted and wrapped with a bow, then presented with a flourish?

Over the last few years, gift cards have become a popular alternative, and now as we become increasingly connected to our smartphones, laptops and e-readers, gifts are going digital, too. Here's what you need to know to navigate a holiday shopping season without gift wrap or envelopes or even little plastic cards.

-- E-books

You can still buy bestsellers for loved ones who have swapped their paperbacks for an e-reader such as Amazon.com's Kindle, Barnes & Noble's Nook and Sony's Reader. Of the three, Amazon is the only one that lets you choose a specific Kindle e-book to give as a gift. Barnes & Noble and Sony direct you to purchase a physical gift card or send an electronic one via email, either to yourself to print and present, or directly to the recipient.

To buy a book for a Kindle owner, head to the Kindle e-book store on Amazon's website. Click on any book title, and you'll see an option to "give as a gift." Amazon will send an email to the recipient once you finish checking out. When the recipient gets the notification by email, she can click on a link to accept the gift and send the title to her Kindle device. This works the same way for people who use Amazon's Kindle software to read books on smartphones and computers, too. If the recipient loses the notification email, you can go into your own Amazon order history and resend it, for no extra charge. And if it's a book the recipient has already read, she can exchange it for Amazon.com credit.

One downside if you like to get all your holiday shopping done early: Anything you order is instantly delivered.

Here are some relevant links:

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http://ebooks.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a--id/60/kw/gift/r--id/166
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For the uninitiated: Apple's iPad tablet computer and iPhone smartphones can be loaded up with music, movies, games, books and useful (or frivolous) programs called "apps" through Apple's iTunes store. You can buy a plastic iTunes gift card where gift cards are sold, but you can also send almost all of those types of media as gifts.

You've got to download the iTunes software and create an account if you haven't already. Then, in the iTunes store section, browse for the album, TV series or game of your choice. Next to the button prompting you to "buy this album," there should be a little arrow. Click it and pick the option to give as a gift instead.

There is one major exception: Apple doesn't yet allow you to give e-books as gifts via iTunes. And as with giving Kindle e-books, gifts from iTunes are delivered when you pay for them, making advance holiday shopping a challenge.

Details at http://support.apple.com/kb/HT2736

-- Groupon, LivingSocial and other group-discount sites

Some of the most-talked-about startups are group-buying sites, and Groupon, which just went public, is king of the heap. These companies send emails to their members every day advertising a special deal at a local shop, restaurant, spa or other business, usually something along the lines of, "$10 for $20 worth of donuts." Once you buy a deal, it's stored in your account. When you're ready to use it, you can either print out the voucher and turn it in, or you can pull it up using a smartphone app once you're in the store.

The number of Groupon-esque sites is growing by the day; if you're interested but don't know where to start, you can sign up with a deal aggregator like Yipit, which collects all the deals in your area in a single email.

If you see a deal that will make a perfect gift, Groupon and LivingSocial make it pretty easy. Both show "give as a gift" options right on the main deal page.

When you click to purchase a Groupon, an email goes to the recipient. If you would rather make it a surprise, you can send it to yourself, then print and hand it over later. Groupons are almost all transferable, even though the
name of the buyer will remain on the voucher. Just be sure to look over the fine print to confirm. If one of your recipients is all about Groupons, but you don't see a deal you know she'll like, the company also sells gift cards.

With LivingSocial, once you buy a deal, you can also go into your account later and opt to give something as a gift. This site lets you set a date for delivery, making it easier to surprise your recipient. There are some quirks in the LivingSocial gifting process. For one thing, if you say you're going to print out the voucher, but then change your mind, you won't be able to email it as a gift later. Good thing there's a pretty detailed "help" section on the site: http://help.livingsocial.com/help--topics/gifts

Now, using coupons and discounts to buy gifts isn't new. But when you give the gift of Groupon, the recipient will know you paid less.

-- Facebook-based gift cards and mobile apps

Lord & Taylor is among the retailers experimenting with what they're calling "social gifting," which in their case means making it easy to tap friends on Facebook to pitch in for a gift certificate. If you're not already a Facebook devotee, it probably doesn't make sense to join up just for this. But if you already have connected with friends on the social networking site, keep reading.

From Lord & Taylor's Facebook page, you can click a link that says gift cards to install a virtual gift card app. Pick the recipient and the amount you want to spend, and set a date for delivery in the future. Once you pay for the gift card, you can then invite others to contribute additional money to the gift card. You could tweet or email the link, or the app will help by suggesting friends you have in common, so you can send a quick Facebook message. You could post the plea to your own Facebook wall, too, though the recipient might see that.

On the delivery date, the recipient will get an email or a Facebook message showing how much each person contributed; they can send the gift to their phone or print out a barcode to redeem the gift certificate.

A growing number of other stores, including Starbucks and Target, allow customers to pay via mobile phone apps, and gift cards can be converted for use in those accounts.

-- Startups

Several Internet startups are taking different approaches to digital gift-giving. One, KangoGift, lets you send a gift certificate for everything from a
basic cup of coffee to a six-week music class by text message to a recipient's cell phone, or right to their Facebook page. Then they can just bring their phone along and show it to the merchant to redeem their gift. Most of the offers are clustered in four cities -- Boston; New York; Madison, Wis.; and Chapel Hill, N.C. -- but there are some national merchants on board, such as Fandango for movie tickets, that sell things that can be redeemed online.

Another, Giftly, lets you bundle up to three different shops, restaurants or services into a single gift package -- tickets at three artsy movie theaters, or pints at three different microbreweries, maybe. You decide the amount and the merchants, then send either by email, Facebook or snail-mail. This makes it easy to customize a gift, even if the merchants themselves don't offer gift cards or gift certificates.

But the recipient needs to be fairly tech-savvy. To redeem the gift, the recipient actually pays for it herself, then goes online at the shop with her smartphone to get the same amount reimbursed to a credit or debit card she registers with Giftly. (To get around the little matter of not everyone owning a smartphone, the startup is also working on a prepaid debit card that only works at the locations specified on the Giftly.)


With many of these options, one of the biggest challenges is timing. In some cases, the only way to give a gift on the first night of Hanukkah or Christmas morning is to dash to the computer at the right moment to hit send.

But even for the most tech-savvy on your gift list, you might be better served making the presentation more traditional, says Tracy Tuten, an associate marketing professor at East Carolina University who has made gift-giving research her specialty. That's because all the emotions that make gifts an important part of relationships happen when you hand over the neatly wrapped package and not when the person is actually getting the pedicure you bought for her with a Groupon.

And while teenagers may be the earliest adopters, buying them a gift that can be sent straight to their smartphones comes with the same pitfalls as any other type of gift, Tuten says. It must walk the line between proving you have made an effort to understand who they are and what they like, and giving them enough choice that they don't feel boxed in.

Sorry, technology hasn't fixed that problem yet.
Editorial: ECU's peaceful integration

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The U.S. Supreme Court handed down its monumental Brown v. Board of Education ruling in 1954, effectively prohibiting the practice of racial segregation in public schools. The decision sparked outrage in many locations, particularly in the states of the former Confederacy, which resolved to fiercely resist efforts to bring black and white together in the classroom.

While extreme measures, such as the deployment National Guard troops, were required for some colleges and universities to enforce orders to ingrate, East Carolina’s transition came without fuss or fight. In marking the anniversary of that historic moment, the university community should be proud of that achievement and celebrate its uncommon maturity in the face of that challenge.

Henry Louis Gates Jr., director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African-American Research at Harvard University, spoke at East Carolina on Thursday night. It is remarkable to see a preeminent black scholar addressing an audience of students who never lived in a nation legally divided by race, an event made all the more distinct by the pending anniversary for the school.
It was 1962 when Laura Marie Leary Elliot of Vanceboro enrolled as East Carolina’s first black student, an event that seems monumental in retrospect but caused comparatively few ripples at the time. Two years later, 16 additional African-American students attended classes in Greenville, a number that would swell to 200 by 1970. That the transition went smoothly was a credit to the bravery and confidence of those young men and women as much as it was a testament to the white student body, which did not react with the anger and hatred seen all too often at other schools.

Guiding integration was university President Leo Jenkins, the man at the center at so many of East Carolina’s key moments. His willingness to work with the black student population — to field their concerns and put forth tangible efforts to make them feel at home — meant all the difference in keeping both black and white comfortable with so monumental a change. His fierce opposition to prejudice and racism set an inspirational tone for the entire community.

Nearly 50 years since East Carolina’s integration, the university must continue its efforts to ensure equality, working with minority student groups to fight prejudice and promote equality. In doing so, it can look to the achievements of its past, of its peaceful transition to integration, to see a positive example of how to proceed.
Lifestories: Kataria an early advocate for autistic kids

BY ELIZABETH SHESTAK

Thanks to the work of Dr. Sudesh Kataria, children who struggled with academics, taking direction or both have gone on to be doctors, lawyers and engineers.

Kataria was on the forefront of establishing a subspecialty in medicine called development behavior pediatrics - an area of study that focuses on how conditions such as autism and attention deficit disorder are diagnosed and treated.

Kataria died last month; she was 70. It was unexpected - a rare and aggressive form of interstitial lung disease was diagnosed in September, and she succumbed weeks later, surrounded by loved ones. Her daughter later found holiday gifts already purchased and clothes for her grandchildren meant for next year.

Being a patient did not make her any less a doctor.

"Even from the hospital, she was talking about Medicaid," said her daughter Anjali Kataria, a health care reform expert living in Maryland.

Early in her career, Sudesh Kataria's interest was met with skepticism by her colleagues. Her husband, Dr. Yash Kataria, a pulmonologist, said she was told it was a "voodoo" science and not worth establishing a career around.

"I remember her having to convince people there was this developmental pediatrics area," her daughter said.
She had the chance to study with world-renowned cardiologists, "but that didn't inspire her," Yash Kataria said.

She persisted, studying children with then-undiagnosed learning disabilities and a host of other amorphous medical conditions that would not necessarily respond to prescriptions, but often required a lot more than just patience from parents.

Her daughter remembers there was always a box of tissues for the parents that would break down in her office, thinking they had failed. Her mother spoke of parents who would just sob and sob.

Kataria would offer encouragement and hope by pointing to world leaders who also struggle with developmental disabilities.

She told her parents, "You can be what you want to be - the only thing you need to get is some help," her husband recalled. "No human being is totally perfect."

**Formidable job**

The Katarias moved to Greenville in 1978 and were part of the founding faculty at the Brody School of Medicine at Eastern Carolina University. She would work there for 30 years, affecting children locally, as well as throughout the Southeast.

Families drove from surrounding states for her expertise - she was often their only hope.

"It was a pretty formidable job," said Dr. Ave Lachiewicz, a former colleague and professor of pediatrics and behavioral sciences at Duke University. "That's not a group of kids that are particularly well-served in general."

Kataria fought for increased resources in schools at the state level via her appointment by Gov. Jim Martin in 1992 to the State Interagency Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children. She also held office in the North Carolina Pediatric Society.

**Dinner on Sunday**

And even with her strong focus on work, she still found time to raise two children, Anjali and a son, Neil Kumar Kataria, of Virginia.

The family frequented the shore, ate home-cooked meals on Sundays and watched "60 Minutes" together.
"That was a big thing for her - to have a home dinner on Sunday night," her daughter said.

It was a far more idyllic childhood than she experienced in India, surviving the Indian War and living as a refugee with few resources, one of seven children. As a woman, she had to secretly apply to medical school. She did not talk about these things until recent years, her husband said, and her experiences in childhood perhaps made her all the more empathetic to the struggles of others.

Prior to her death, her son's wife gave birth to her fourth grandchild, a boy. She was able to hold him during her final days.

"The last words she said were: 'We should all celebrate. We have a new life in the family.'" Anjali Kataria said.

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Bakoulev Premium Award recipients include, from right, Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr., professor Vincent Dor of Monaco and Professor Alain Carpentier of France.

**Chitwood receives Russian surgical award**  
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**Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr.**, director of The East Carolina Heart Institute, has received Russia’s highest recognition for cardiovascular surgical achievement — the Bakoulev Premium Medal. The award makes Chitwood the second American in history to receive the honor.

Chitwood received the medal from the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences and the Bakoulev Scientific Center for Cardiovascular Surgery for his ground-breaking work in minimally invasive cardiac procedures, especially those that include use of robotics. He leads the cardiovascular team that has performed the most robotic mitral valve repair procedures in the world. They have performed approximately 700 surgeries using this method and more than 2,500 operations using minimally invasive methods.

“It’s an honor to receive this recognition for an important scientific achievement that is also integral to good patient care,” Chitwood said. “Ten years ago, no one in medicine believed we could robotically repair mitral valves — they thought I was a heretic. Today, however, more people are starting to do it because they realize it does improve patient care and patient safety.”
Chitwood received the award in Moscow on Oct. 12, the 55th anniversary of the Bakoulev Center. Other recipients were Alain Carpentier of France for pioneering cardiac valve surgery, Vincent Dor of Monaco for developing methods to remodel destroyed heart muscle, and Adib Jatene of Brazil for being the first to correct congenitally switched major heart vessels in babies. The widow of former Russian President Boris Yeltsin received an honorary award for her support of the Bakoulev Center.

Each award recipient planted a tree to be a physical reminder of achievements in cardiac surgery. Chitwood said he felt as though he were “standing in the shadows of giants” in his field.

Steve Lawler, president of Pitt County Memorial Hospital, said Chitwood has dedicated his life to advancements in innovation, teaching and education, and care.

“Dr. Chitwood’s legacy includes a pathway of lives changed,” Lawler said, “The lives of patients, families, colleagues and those involved in the art of health care have all benefited from his vision and commitment to excellence.”

Dr. Paul Cunningham, dean of the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, said the award is a well-deserved recognition for a pioneer and visionary surgeon.

“Dr. Chitwood is recognized for his lifetime of achievement, right here in Greenville, and is in the company of other world leaders,” Cunningham said. “This is quite remarkable.”

The Heart Institute is a collaboration between Pitt County Memorial Hospital and East Carolina University. The hospital is the inpatient care facility; ECU houses the outpatient education and research facility. PCMH has been an international leader in performing robotic mitral valve repairs for the past decade. In May 2000, Chitwood performed North America’s first robot-assisted total mitral valve repair at PCMH and was also the first to do so using a videoscopic technique.

Instead of a large mid-chest incision, the robotic method makes a smaller, 2-inch incision on the side of the chest and uses endoscopic instruments to repair the malfunctioning valve. The efficacy of this minimally invasive
procedure, he said, equals that of the conventional open-heart method. It also decreases recovery time and limits the cosmetic impact on the patient.

According to Chitwood, he and his team have trained surgeons from Japan, Taiwan, China, and India for a week before accompanying them back home and guiding them through the first time they perform the surgery.
Substance abuse is down in middle schools and high schools in Pitt County, but instances of bullying or teasing are high, especially in middle school, according to a recent survey.

About 25 percent of middle school students experimented with alcohol last school year, compared to about 50 percent in 1999, according to the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey given to more than 1,800 middle school students and 3,700 high school students in the spring.

“The real value of this survey is that it’s intended as a surveillance tool, so its purpose is for us to look at these behaviors over time,” said Lauren Whetstone of the Department of Family Medicine at East Carolina University who presented the survey to the Board of Education on Nov. 7.

The survey, conducted since 1997 every other year in spring health and physical education classes, covers topics like safety, nutrition, mental health, physical activity and substance use.

Forty percent of middle schoolers and 16 percent of high school students have been the victim of bullying on school property, the survey found.

“There seems to be quite a lot in middle school of observation of bullying,” Whetstone said. “In high school, if you look at the percentages, they’re actually a little bit lower than middle school, so it seems to be that there’s a higher level of bullying in middle school than there is in high school, and that’s consistent with other reports of bullying that I’ve seen.”

About 18 percent of middle schoolers have been bullied through email, texts or social media, the survey found.
“We know that this is a real concern right now, how anonymous the bully can be,” Whetstone said.

The good news is that more than 80 percent of middle school students feel good about themselves in general, and the number of students thinking about suicide decreased from 22 percent in 2003 to 16 percent in 2011, Whetstone said.

“If students are even thinking about suicide, these are real concerns for students, whether it was a serious attempt or not,” Whetstone said.

Seven percent of middle schoolers surveyed — or 136 students — said that they had tried to commit suicide.

“Every year there seems to be things here that raise the hairs on the back of our necks that we need to pay attention to,” Superintendent Beverly Reep said. “We’ve always used this survey as a tool to help guide our services.”

Last month was Bullying Awareness and Prevention Month, and the district’s elementary and middle schools held assemblies and activities in concert with the Mediation Center of Eastern North Carolina. Rachel’s Challenge, a student-led initiative in Pitt County’s six public high schools and nationwide, encourages kindness and acceptance among students in memory of a victim of the 1999 Columbine shooting.

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Letter: McNeil's classroom help inspiring

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I grew up not far from State College, Pa. I believed that the sky is blue and white because God loves Penn State. I am sad, angry and confused.

That said, I think about the positive, and I look to what this university, ECU, is and can be. I believe that we are very fortunate have athletic leaders like Coach Ruffin McNeill, and wanted to share this one example.

Two football graduate assistants enrolled in my occupational safety class in Fall 2010. A month into the semester, a tragic incident occurred at Notre Dame in which a volunteer student football videographer died when his aerial lift toppled over in high winds. The two graduate students wanted to take a second course from me in the spring. I approved, but only if they agreed to do their course research project on a topic that related to their career.

I suggested investigating the Notre Dame incident. They undertook the project, and we decided to broadcast their final presentation to other schools using ECU’s global classroom. McNeill conveyed the importance of their presentation in his network of coaches. He also attended our class and spoke to our students and the broader audience about the importance of aerial lift safety.

I am very appreciative of his support of this relatively generic academic endeavor. The students did a great job on their project; ECU completed its mission of service to others that day.

McNeill’s presence in the classroom inspired me. As I reflect on current events, his actions remind me that collegiate athletics and academics can harmonize for the greater good. We all love wins on the field, but ECU is about educating future leaders and serving society. Thanks, coach. Go Pirates!

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As a lifelong resident of Greenville, I have always been a proud supporter of ECU. After Tuesday’s East Carolinian hit the stands, I feel ashamed to be associated in any way with the university.

If the East Carolinian is an independent newspaper that doesn’t have to answer to university officials, then the paper should change its name. The editors should not be allowed to tarnish our university’s reputation.

The assertion by the East Carolinian’s editor-in-chief that pornographic pictures were published to provide “an accurate account of Saturday’s events” was ridiculous. I was saddened by the cavalier attitude of the students interviewed by The Daily Reflector. I pray that they do not represent a majority of today’s youth. Furthermore, why did the East Carolinian feel a guy running naked onto the football field was even newsworthy? Why continue to give this deranged individual a platform? The fact that he chose to streak onto the field during a ceremony to honor our military made the incident all the more egregious.

Journalistic freedom and common decency are not alien to one another. If the editors of the East Carolinian cannot understand this then perhaps it’s time for ECU to reconsider its relationship with the student newspaper.

PATRICK NELSON
Greenville
ECU graduate Kymia Nawabi is competing on Bravo's "Work of Art: The Next Great Artist." (Photo by David Giesbrecht/Bravo)

ECU grad on Bravo’s ‘Work of Art’
By Kelley Kirk
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First there was Project Runway — for clothing designers — then came Top Chef — for culinary masters — and now there’s “Work of Art: The Next Great Artist,” a show that pits artists against each other. The series premiered on June 9, 2010.

The second season of “The Next Great Artist” began Oct. 12. One of the show’s contestants is Kymia Nawabi, who was raised in North Carolina and graduated from East Carolina University in 2003 with a bachelor of fine art degree. The show airs at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on Bravo.

Nawabi is competing for a solo exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum and a cash prize of $100,000.

After graduating from ECU, Nawabi earned a masters degree in fine art with a concentration in painting and drawing from the University of Central Florida.
The Daily Reflector caught up with Nawabi and she shared her thoughts about being on the show.

**How did you hear about “Work of Art: The Next Great Artist”?**
“My sister, Kathy, made me apply. She literally forwarded me the application and said the deadline was the next morning, so I stayed up all night filling out the questionnaire. I am so thankful she forced me to take the chance!”

**Did you find having to create art in a short, limited amount of time difficult?**
“Of course I found it difficult to create art with the given time and material restrictions. The most difficult part was to make successful work in such a short amount of time. But with limitations on your process, I believe that your work can reach new levels and that was one of my reasons for wanting to participate in the competition to begin with.”

**What did you learn about yourself from being on the show?**
“Of course, competing was absolutely nerve-racking, tiring and scary; there was so much on the line. Above all else, it was invigorating. I felt so alive. I think I already knew this about myself, but the competition reiterated how much I love being challenged and tested concerning making and thinking about art and also as a person. I learned so much about my capabilities and I loved proving to myself through a new facility just how much I love making art. Adrenaline is an amazing thing.”

**In the fourth episode, your challenge was to make a companion piece to a child’s work. You made a point of engaging your partner in telling a story, which you then drew. Your piece won. How were you inspired by your partner’s work?**
“You had to be there. Alana was such an interesting young artist, I could not help but hear her story and make a drawing that really portrayed the feeling that her strange tale conjured.”

**What was working with a child artist like?**
“Amazing, but I think it is worth mentioning, it was no different than working with adult artists in some ways. I taught young adult artists in a private school called the Ashcan Studio of Art in NYC and I found the children from studio in a school to be just as articulate, inventive and interesting.
“To try and open someone up to get to their points of inspiration is maybe sometimes even easier with young people though, because they are so imaginative and open. If I was not so broke from student loans, I would love to get certified to teach younger age groups just because I love where young minds go when making art. It is a huge inspiration!”

**How did your years at ECU assist in your vocation as an artist?**

“How did your years at ECU assist in your vocation as an artist? Let me begin by mentioning my very important mentors I had while attending ECU. My closest mentor was Paul Hartley, who sadly passed away two years ago.

Hartley was there for my work and myself through very hard times after my father’s death, through my social anxiety disorder and depression during college. All of this was very personal and I integrated it into my work, which Hartley guided me through, along with instructors Scott Eagle, Beth Blake, Leah Force, Bryan Peterson, Craig Malmrose, Kent Williams, Carl Billingsly and Seo Eo.

I definitely think it is worth mentioning how much I learned from my peers as well. The art students always challenged each other and just by observing and listening to each other, you could always learn about new materials and ways of working.”
Marjorie Franck can line-dance again, a goal she set during rehabilitation after five falls in one year and a hip replacement.

Her comeback began after she was evaluated by a health care team at East Carolina University’s Fall Risk Assessment Clinic in the Frances J. and Robert T. Monk Sr. Geriatric Center. A physical therapist, occupational therapist, pharmacist, social worker, nurse and physician evaluate patients 60 and older for their risk of falls and give personalized recommendations to avoid them.

Falls are the leading cause of injury-related accidental death in older adults. The problem crosses many disciplines in the care of older patients.

“Here at ECU, we can bring all those disciplines together,” said Dr. Kenneth Steinweg, chairman of family medicine at ECU, who evaluates patients in the fall risk clinic.

Screening tests are done for medical conditions, medications, health habits, daily life skills, home safety hazards, vision, cognition, mood, balance, dizziness, foot sensation, leg strength, walking, shoes and walking aids.

Franck, 75, a retired tax preparer in Greenville, received a written summary of her evaluation and steps to prevent future falls. The clinic works with patients’ primary care physicians, who receive a copy of the report. For three months, a social work intern calls once a week to see how each patient is doing and if they are having trouble implementing recommendations.
“I started with a walker, and in June I graduated to not using the walker,” Franck said. “The walker is packed up.”

Statistics show that one-third of people 65 and older and nearly half of people 85 and older fall at least once a year.

Without intervention, half of those will fall repeatedly. An estimated 15 percent to 20 percent of falls lead to injury, and 5 percent result in a hip fracture.

“Either you help yourself, or you sit yourself in a chair. I’m not ready to do that,” Franck said.

Neither is Marjorie Everett, a retired Pitt County public health nurse who visited the clinic for the first time Nov. 2. Her geriatrician referred her after she fell four times in the past year.

She already has taken steps to reduce her risk of falls, including installing a railing at her door and replacing slippery rugs in her home.

“I want to do what I need to do to stay vertical,” said Everett, 80.

“If I can stay vertical, I’ve got it made.”

The fall clinic started three years ago with a grant from the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation. The assessment team includes Painter, Steinweg, physical therapist Leslie Allison, pharmacist Ann Marie Nye and social work intern Brittany Moore.

Call 744-2045 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Education advocates in hall of fame**

Nine Pitt County education advocates were inducted on Oct. 15 into the East Carolina University College of Education Annual Educators Hall of Fame. For each inductee, sponsors provided a monetary gift of $1,000 for the Educators Hall of Fame Scholarship endowment, which funds merit-based scholarships for education students.

Twenty new members were inducted this year. Local inductees include:
- Jo Anne Williams Corey of Greenville, an elementary school teacher and principal with a career spanning more than 30 years.
- Margaret Ann Cannon Harris of Bethel, education consultant at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.
- Morgan Holt Harris of Bethel, whose 30 years of service in Hyde County Schools included work as a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, vocational director and superintendent.
- Diane D. Kester of Goldsboro, ECU professor of library science and executive editor of the Journal of Curriculum and Instruction.
- Barbara Jamieson Mallory of Greenville, director of the Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnership at Winthrop University.
- Katherine Elizabeth Misulis of Greenville, associate professor and assistant chair of the ECU Department of Curriculum and Instruction.
- Al Muller of Greenville, ECU professor emeritus who retired this year with more than 30 years of service.
- Veronica S. Pantelidis of Greenville, who recently retired as professor emerita after 35 years at ECU.

**ECU to host jazz vocalists**

The ECU School of Music will host renowned vocalists Nneena Freelon, Vanessa Rubin and Lenora Helm for “An Intimate Evening of Love Songs” concert at 8 p.m. Thursday at A.J. Fletcher Music Center on the ECU campus.

This concert is part of the Jones Distinguished Professorship series.

Freelon, Rubin and Helm will perform love ballads written by Carroll V. Dashiell Jr., Jones Distinguished Scholar, concert music director and professor of jazz studies at ECU.

Musicians will include The Michelle Ruiz String Quartet of the Soulful Symphony of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; Jon Ozment, keyboards; Gregory C. Holloway, percussion; and ECU jazz faculty including Jeff Bair, saxophones; Scott Sawyer, guitar; and Dashiell, bass.

Tickets for the concert are $10 and are available by calling 800-ECU-ARTS.
Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday**: “Welcome to Shelbyville” will be screened at 7 p.m. at the Greenville Museum of Art as part of the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers.

This is a free event and will be presented by ECU and the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts.
PCC Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Marilyn Sheerer, left, and PCC President G. Dennis Massey sign an agreement between the two schools regarding transfer of engineering students.

**PCC-ECU agreement will help transfers**
Saturday, November 12, 2011

WINTERVILLE—Pitt Community College and East Carolina University have signed an agreement that creates a pathway for the college’s pre-engineering transfer students to move on to the university and complete a four-year engineering degree.

The articulation was signed Thursday at PCC, during a special ceremony attended by administrators and faculty who played key roles in creating the pact.

Through the agreement, PCC students who complete the Pre-Engineering Associate in Science degree — or accrue enough hours in the curriculum — can transfer into ECU’s Department of Engineering for the continuation and completion of their engineering studies. Graduates from ECU’s program will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in one of the following concentrations: Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Bioprocess Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

PCC President G. Dennis Massey said the PCC-ECU articulation deals with an area of college transfer not well covered by the statewide Comprehensive Articulation Agreement regarding transfer between the North Carolina Community Colleges and the University of North Carolina System.

“It was extremely important to us and to our students to build upon a long relationship with ECU’s College of Technology and Computer Science,”
Massey said on Thursday. “… PCC understands and values college transfer. It’s a very productive relationship, and we welcome more partnerships with other departments at ECU.”

Calling the PCC-ECU engineering agreement a “milestone,” ECU Engineering Professor Paul Kauffmann said the articulation would benefit students educationally and professionally. He called the partnership “a pathway for people to pursue a better career and better life.”

Marilyn Sheerer, ECU Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, agreed and said it was important for Eastern North Carolina that PCC and ECU “grow engineers together.” Like Massey, she said the time had come to look more closely at other possible opportunities for the two schools to work together.

PCC launched its Pre-Engineering Associate in Science curriculum at the start of the 2009 fall semester to give students an opportunity to complete the first two years of an engineering degree in a more personal setting and at a lower cost before transferring to a four-year institution for a bachelor’s degree.

One graduate of PCC’s program, Ash Smith, was featured in the college’s Career Focus magazine earlier this year. Smith received a degree from Pitt in 2010 and moved on to ECU in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree in engineering.

An excellent student at PCC, Smith has continued to achieve academic success at ECU. He said Pitt prepared him “very well” for his ECU coursework, noting that he has already received a pair of certificates from East Carolina’s engineering and physics departments in recognition of his Honor Roll status at the university.

Wanda Yuhas, executive director of the Pitt County Development Commission, attended Thursday’s signing ceremony and said producing future engineers like Smith would help the region attract new industry.
College.xxx? Schools snap up porn domains

BY TIM BARKER - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS–The world is getting closer to the launching of a new Internet address system for pornography providers, and there are some eye-opening names being registered. Among them: tarheels.xxx, washu.xxx and mizzou.xxx

Don't, however, expect to find naked co-eds at either of these sites.

In what amounts to a defensive maneuver, schools across the nation are snapping up the .xxx domain names that match their federally registered trademarks. It's a matter of trying to keep them out of the wrong hands.

UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University have both filed applications to register domain names for their trademarks.

"We're purchasing some domain names to make sure that they're not used for purposes that would confuse people about the university's involvement," said Michael Schoenfeld, a Duke spokesman. Schoenfeld said Duke has bought several domain names but would not give their exact addresses.

"The Internet is a very creative place, and I don't think anybody could possibly secure every possible combination that could ultimately be embarrassing to an individual, company or university," he said.

In addition to tarheels.xxx, UNC has also filed to register UNC.xxx and UniversityofNorthCarolina.xxx, spokesman Mike McFarland said.

Getting first dibs

With the impending launch of the new .xxx top level domains this year, everyone with a trademark had a chance to reserve names in a "sunrise phase." Essentially, it provides some protection for organizations against domain prospectors who grab sites to use or sell at a profit.

In theory, the .xxx top level domain will give adult content providers a natural place to be on the Internet. But it has been criticized by the porn industry, which worries that this is the first step in forcing all adult providers to move to the more easily blocked domain addresses.

Against this backdrop, universities and other organizations have been forced to decide whether it's worth the time, trouble and money (about $200 per domain) to take control of their .xxx sites.
Some experts don't think there's a lot to be worried about for the vast majority of institutions.

"Then again, it's just a couple of hundred bucks. So I don't see any reason not to do it," said Greg Jackson, vice president for policy and analysis at Educause, a nonprofit that promotes the use of technology in higher education.

That has been the motivating factor for the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, which recently picked up stlcop.xxx. That's not exactly a name that screams porn.

"Not really," agreed Chad Shepherd, the school's vice president of information technology. "But, you know, it's better to be safe than sorry."

The school has made a practice of grabbing all the stlcop versions it can get its hands on, including .org, .tv, .info and .biz. Unfortunately, it has not been able to get .com, which still belongs to a domain prospector.

**Avoiding confusion**

Schoenfeld said Duke, too, makes a common practice of buying domain names for future or preventive use.

"We are securing domain names all the time for new programs, for changes in programs," he said. "Most of them are for the purposes of actually using them, but we also from time to time will purchase domain names that might be used for purposes that would confuse people about whether the university was involved."

The decision to buy a domain also can be about protecting a school from unintended harm. Consider the case of Washington University. It may be that no one would ever think to combine pornography with the St. Louis institution.

But the school does share a name with a female character, Washu Hakubi, from the world of Japanese animated cartoons. The anime genre has inspired a subset of cartoons heavy on sex and violence, leaving open the possibility that Washington University could find itself an accidental victim.

"It wouldn't necessarily be anyone who even knew much about us," said Karen Daubert, the university's trademark and brand manager.

Staff writer Tori Stilwell contributed to this report.
Fayetteville State police probe dorm robbery, separate shooting

Gunmen assaulted two Fayetteville State University students in their dorm room early Sunday in the fourth armed robbery at student housing since last school year.

FSU police are also investigating a shooting at a restaurant near campus Saturday evening in which no one was injured.

FSU spokesman Jeff Womble said that four to six men broke into a dorm room around 2 a.m., assaulted two students and stole about $500, a debit card, a computer, clothing and tennis shoes. Bird-shot pellets struck a bed and two other pieces of furniture.

One student was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, while another was treated at the scene. Womble said their injuries were sustained during a physical assault, not from being shot.

An e-mail alert sent to students early Sunday said that two students who live in a second-floor room in Bryant Hall opened their door when someone knocked and identified himself as the resident assistant.

The alert states that five men demanded money and drugs, but Womble said it's not known if the robbery was drug related.

He said it's also not clear if the robbery is connected to a shooting near campus around 7 p.m. Saturday.

A gunman walked into the Chinese Garden restaurant in Bronco Square, across from campus, and fired four shots at customers, Womble said. The customers fled the restaurant, and the gunman also went outside and fired one shot before running away.

FSU students were present in the restaurant at the time, but it's not clear if they were the targets, Womble said.

FSU and Fayetteville police are investigating the incidents. No arrests have been made.
A student was also robbed at gunpoint outside a dormitory Tuesday night, according to a security alert sent out to students.

As the student entered Honors Hall around 10 p.m., two to three men approached him and began talking to him, the alert states. One man pulled out a handgun and stole property from the student, then fled the area.

In February, another student was robbed in his dormitory room by an armed man, according to a release on FSU police's website.

A masked man knocked on the student's door around 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 and, once in the room, struggled with the student, the release states. The man placed a semiautomatic handgun against the student's forehead and demanded money.

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Two arrested in N.C. State robbery

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RALEIGH Two suspects were arrested Saturday in connection with a robbery near N.C. State's campus early Friday.

The Raleigh Police Department arrested a 15-year-old boy and 17-year-old Travieon Lamarcus Colbreth of Raleigh.

Colbreth was charged with conspiracy to commit a robbery with a dangerous weapon, robbery with a dangerous weapon, and attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Juvenile petitions and a secure custody order have been obtained for the juvenile suspect for the same offenses.

Two female NCSU students were robbed at gunpoint near the intersection of Logan Court and Hope Street at 1 a.m. Friday.

According to police reports, Colbreth allegedly threatened the two women with a black semi-automatic handgun. A dark blue backpack containing personal property valued at $223, a brown jacket and personal papers were reported as stolen.

The women called the N.C. State Police Department to report the crime. The campus police turned the case over to Raleigh police after determining that the incident occurred off campus.

Police are continuing to investigate and are seeking two other suspects thought to be involved.

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UNC student wanted in Apex bank robbery arrested in NJ

A University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill student wanted in connection with a bank robbery in Apex was arrested in New Jersey on Saturday night, police said.

Gordon Goodwin, 22, was arrested around 9:30 p.m. on common law robbery charges after he called his mother from an Atlantic City hotel room. She contacted Apex police, who arranged to have her son taken into custody without incident by Atlantic City police.

On Friday, Diana Goodwin urged her son to turn himself in during an interview with WRAL News.

No additional information was released.

Investigators say Goodwin robbed a Sun Trust bank inside a Kroger grocery store at 940 U.S. Highway 64 on Monday.

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Henrietta Freedman and Joann and Irving Fogler enjoy the college experience Saturday as students while UNCW celebrates it's 10th Annual College Day.

Photo by Jeff Janowski

**UNCW swells by 175 students for a day**

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When UNCW professor Larry Cahoon walked into room 132 in Leutze Hall on Saturday, he was met by an older crowd than the one that normally fills the seats. Many of the students staring back at him on this day were senior citizens.

"I'm debating with myself whether I should hit you with a pop quiz now or at the end," Cahoon joked.

"Make sure you grade it," a woman called out.

The class was a part of the university's 10th annual "College Day," which offers community members a chance to be a student for a day. They had a variety of courses to choose from.

This year, more than 175 people registered for College Day, said Kathleen Berkeley, an associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and professor of history.

"There are a number of people who are really lifelong learners who thrive on a cultural or intellectual life," Berkeley said. "We are trying to tap into that.
We are a major social and cultural and economic institution in the community. We see that as one of our missions."

Between their four lectures, participants ate lunch at round tables in the Warwick Center.

"It's like reliving our youth," said Ethel Margolis, a retired pediatrician. "It really is a lot of fun. It's like going back to college, but not having to do an exam."

UNCW almuna Janice Kingoff has attended College Day for years.

"I picked my courses by the teachers," she said. "They load it with so much information."

UNCW honored some attendees for coming to College Day all ten years, including Irving and JoAnn Fogler, who both walked across a stage. They didn't get a diploma, but they did receive a navy blue fleece blanket and bookmark.

"We enjoy it," Irving Fogler said.

JoAnn Fogler raved about a morning lecture entitled "Einstein, Quantum Mechanics, and the Dalai Lama."

"I loved that Einstein course," she said, adding that the lecturer made quantum mechanics "interesting."

The big issues

The students in Larry Cahoon's class didn't have to take a pop quiz. They were treated to a lecture about the future of water.

Of all the Earth's surface water, 97 percent is salty, 2 percent is frozen and only 1 percent of it is fresh, Cahoon said.

He mentioned countries and regions historically hammered by water shortages, then discussed countries facing diminishing water availability today.

"Many of us, more than we realize, are living kind of on the edge of our water supplies," he said. Water issues in Mexico, for example, have driven some people north to America, Cahoon said.

"Climate change has already caused migrations of peoples," he said. "That's already caused conflict. We're having a big fight in this country about immigration."

Fresh water shortages can also affect areas close to home.
In Dare County, the water supply is "maxed out," Cahoon said.
If people want clean, affordable drinking water, they face increased demand, the depletion of aquifers, surface resource limitations and climate trends, he concluded.

At the beginning, students raised their hands to ask questions. By the end, they called them out.

The class went six minutes over, but none of the students were glancing at their watches or rustling papers.

"I think I'm supposed to let you go," Cahoon said. The students sat in their seats and applauded.

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Methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV) is a psychoactive drug commonly known as 'bath salts' which has been classified as a schedule I drug in the DEA and outlawed in North Carolina, but area law enforcement officers indicate that the substances can still be found easily in South Carolina. Staff Photo BY PAUL STEPHEN

**Bath salts abuse down, new drugs on the horizon**

By Brian Freskos
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Abuse of the potent stimulant widely known as "bath salts" seems to be tapering off months after North Carolina and several other states banned the drug. But already, one poison control expert said, drug suppliers have found ways to skirt the new laws, raising the possibility that law enforcement agencies and legislators will have to confront a new scourge on the horizon.

Bath salts exploded on the national drug market earlier this year, believed to be the brainchild of unscrupulous chemists overseas. Once available in convenience stores and head shops under such innocuous sounding names as Kush Blitz, Wet n' Wild or Vanilla Sky, the drugs mimicked feelings associated with cocaine or methamphetamine.

For months, they were being sold legally, with manufacturers exploiting a loophole in federal laws allowing them to be sold as long as they masqueraded as products not intended for human consumption.

In Wilmington, bath salts came to the forefront in April when a father and son were hit by a Buick and killed while cycling on River Road. Authorities
have said the driver of the Buick, Thomas Grooms, 63, was high on bath salts.

Faced with a rise in the number of emergency room visits linked to the drugs, which were typically snorted, North Carolina moved earlier this year to outlaw the synthetic stimulants that make up bath salts – Mephedrone and Methylendioxyppyrovalerone, or MDPV.

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration followed in October with a temporary ban on the same chemicals, making the possession of bath salts anywhere in the country legally akin to possessing heroin or LSD. The agency says it is studying the chemicals to determine whether the DEA should permanently control them.

The result of these efforts has been a dramatic decrease in the availability of bath salts, although they have not disappeared. After the drug became illegal in North Carolina on June 1, most store owners quickly took the products off their shelves.

Even so, the Wilmington Police Department since then has seized some 75 dosage units – mostly small bags and lip balm-like glass jars – on the streets, said Phylisha DellaPia, a technician in the department's evidence room.

Calls to poison control centers from people experiencing bad side effects as a result of bath salts has decreased as well. After hitting a peak of 730 calls to poison control centers nationwide in June – 94, or 12 percent, were logged in North Carolina alone – call volume dropped to 399 in October, said Marsha Ford, director of the Carolinas Poison Center. North Carolina, she said, only fielded 14 such calls last month.

Still, some people are using the Internet to order bath salts from overseas. In a few instances, manufacturers have tried to sneak the drugs onto store shelves by labeling them as something like toilet-bowl cleaner or glass cleaner.

When lawmakers moved to ban the substances, some officials cautioned that it was only a matter of time before new designer drugs would spring up.

Mark Ryan, director of the Louisiana Poison Center and one of the experts who has been spearheading efforts to study the compounds, said that fear is quickly becoming realized.

He said there have already been cases with one drug called 2 C-E, a hallucinogenic that can be ordered legally online.
These new drugs do not appear to be abused on near the scale that bath salts were, but they still have experts sounding alarms.

"You think about how advanced we are in the world to take synthetics and make them mirror the effects of cocaine or make them mirror the effects of LSD," said Capt. David Ciamillo, commander of New Hanover County's Vice and Narcotics Unit. "It's amazing. And that's the problem."

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Penn State is being investigated by the Education Department in the wake of Jerry Sandusky’s arrest. A law known as the Clery Act, dating to 1990, requires colleges to disclose potential crimes.

On Campus, a Law Enforcement System to Itself

By NINA BERNSTEIN

After the body of an Eastern Michigan University freshman was found in her dorm room in December 2006, naked from the waist down with a pillow over her head, the chief of the university police said there was “no reason to suspect foul play,” and let her parents believe she had died of natural causes. That silence held for more than two months. In that time, the student who was eventually convicted in her murder had free run of a campus where he was previously caught climbing into a window of a university building.

In recent years Marquette University has been accused of mishandling accusations of sexual assault by four athletes, and Arizona State has been faulted in handling a student’s rape, allegedly by a football player with a history of sexual aggression on campus.

The Penn State scandal has ended the reign of the university’s patriarch and longtime football coach, Joe Paterno, amid national expressions of shock.
But the case is also emblematic of a parallel judicial universe that exists at many of the country’s colleges and universities.

On most of these campuses, law enforcement is the responsibility of sworn police officers who report to university authorities, not to the public. With full-fledged arrest powers, such campus police forces have enormous discretion in deciding whether to refer cases directly to district attorneys or to leave them to the quiet handling of in-house disciplinary proceedings.

The Penn State police did investigate a complaint in 1998 about Jerry Sandusky, the former assistant coach who was charged last week with sexually abusing eight boys, and turned it over to the district attorney, who declined to prosecute.

But many serious offenses reach neither campus police officers nor their off-campus counterparts because they are directly funneled to administrators.

That is what happened at Penn State in 2002, according to a grand jury report, when a graduate assistant to Mr. Paterno reported that he saw Mr. Sandusky raping a 10-year-old boy in the locker room showers.

“I think we’re just on the cusp of breaking the silence,” said Colby Bruno, the managing lawyer at the Boston-based Victim Rights Law Center who specializes in cases of sexual assault on campus. “But there are a lot of very invidious ways that a school can go about squelching these reports. This is everyone’s problem; it’s not just a sports problem or a sports-icon problem.”

Like the Eastern Michigan case, which brought a federal investigation and a lawsuit that forced the university to pay the victim’s family $2.5 million, the Penn State case is expected to intensify the federal Education Department’s recent push to enforce laws that require public disclosure of such crimes and civil rights protections for victims and witnesses.

The department is investigating whether Mr. Paterno and other Penn State officials violated the reporting and disclosure requirements of one of the laws, known as the Clery Act. Separately, the scandal puts Penn State on the radar of the department’s Civil Rights division, which this April issued a tough letter to all 6,000 colleges and universities that accept federal money, spelling out how they must handle cases of sexual violence under Title IX of the Civil Rights Act to prevent the creation of “a hostile environment” for accusers that would violate equality of access to education.

“Obviously, when things of this nature come to our attention, we have a duty to look into the matter,” Russlynn Ali, the department’s assistant secretary for civil rights, said of the Penn State scandal.
The law that first demanded colleges disclose potential crimes dates to 1990 and has been amended several times to close loopholes. Named after Jeanne Clery, a student murdered in her dorm room at Lehigh University in 1986, it requires the reporting of crimes to law enforcement agencies and the publication of crime statistics.

Paul Verrecchia, president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, defended the professionalism of campus officers, who, just like other police officers, he said, “raise their hand and swear to uphold the laws and protect the Constitution.” Local law enforcement officials can also be influenced by the power of the university, he added.

Alison Kiss, the executive director of Security on Campus, a national watchdog organization based in Wayne, Pa., also praised campus police forces for strides made since the law was enacted. But when a university culture demands silence, she added, the campus police come under great pressure to follow suit.

“Most want to do the right thing, but it’s very difficult when you’re not supported,” she said.

Ms. Kiss was not surprised by the news of Mr. Paterno’s failure to take further action in the Sandusky case, she said, because she has dealt for years with complaints of sexual assault against football players at big sports schools, where the disciplinary result is often a brief suspension or probation, not expulsion.

The Arizona State case illustrates the possible consequences. A student raped in her dorm room in 2004 learned that the accused football player had been expelled from a summer program for threatening, grabbing and sexually harassing several women on campus. He had been readmitted within weeks at the insistence of his coach. The student sued the university for violating her Title IX rights by creating a “hostile environment,” and in 2009, a court settlement forced university officials to pay the petitioner $850,000, appoint a student safety coordinator and overhaul its policies on sexual assault.

Marquette is under investigation by the Education Department for possible violations of the Clery Act, apparently in connection with a case in which four athletes accused of sexual assault were said to have met with the coaching staff to discuss the episode before they were interviewed by campus police. And according to the local district attorney, the campus police never told local law enforcement or prosecutors about the case, or
about a second sexual assault complaint against another athlete five months later.

In two cases — one at Dominican College in Orangeburg, N.Y., in 2006 and another at Notre Dame in 2010 — freshman women committed suicide after their complaints of sexual assault against athletes were mishandled.

After state and federal investigations, both schools promised to overhaul their policies, and Dominican paid New York State $20,000 for under-reporting crime. “There exists a culture of entitlement for athletes or teams,” Ms. Kiss said. “I’m certain it’s a culture that doesn’t only exist at Penn State.”